

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAI'I**

HAWAIIAN KINGDOM,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSEPH ROBINETTE BIDEN JR., in his official capacity as President of the United States; KAMALA HARRIS, in her official capacity as Vice-President and President of the United States Senate; ADMIRAL JOHN AQUILINO, in his official capacity as Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; CHARLES P. RETTIG, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service; JANE HARDY, in her official capacity as Australia's Consul General to Hawai'i and the United Kingdom's Consul to Hawai'i; JOHANN URSCHITZ, in his official capacity as Austria's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; M. JAN RUMI, in his official capacity as Bangladesh's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i and Morocco's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; JEFFREY DANIEL LAU, in his official capacity as Belgium's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; ERIC G. CRISPIN, in his official capacity as Brazil's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; GLADYS VERNOY, in her official capacity as Chile's Honorary Consul General to Hawai'i; ANN SUZUKI CHING, in her official capacity as the Czech Republic's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; BENNY MADSEN, in his official capacity

Civil Action No.

**DECLARATION OF
DAVID KEANU SAI,
Ph.D.**

as Denmark's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; KATJA SILVERAA, in her official capacity as Finland's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; GUILLAUME MAMAN, in his official capacity as France's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; DENIS SALLE, in his official capacity as Germany's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; KATALIN CSISZAR, in her official capacity as Hungary's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; SHEILA WATUMULL, in her official capacity as India's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; MICHELE CARBONE, in his official capacity as Italy's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; YUTAKA AOKI, in his official capacity as Japan's Consul General to Hawai'i; JEAN-CLAUDE DRUI, in his official capacity as Luxembourg's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; ANDREW M. KLUGER, in his official capacity as Mexico's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; HENK ROGERS, in his official capacity as Netherland's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; KEVIN BURNETT, in his official capacity as New Zealand's Consul General to Hawai'i; NINA HAMRE FASI, in her official capacity as Norway's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; JOSELITO A. JIMENO, in his official capacity as the Philippines's Consul General to Hawai'i; BOZENA ANNA JARNOT, in her official capacity as Poland's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM, in his official capacity as Portugal's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; R.J. ZLATOPER, in his official capacity as Slovenia's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; HONG, SEOK-IN, in his official capacity as the Republic of South Korea's Consul General to Hawai'i; JOHN HENRY FELIX, in his official capacity as Spain's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; BEDE

DHAMMIKA COORAY, in his official capacity as Sri Lanka's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; ANDERS G.O. NERVELL, in his official capacity as Sweden's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; THERES RYF DESAI, in her official capacity as Switzerland's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; COLIN T. MIYABARA, in his official capacity as Thailand's Honorary Consul to Hawai'i; DAVID YUTAKA IGE, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Hawai'i; TY NOHARA, in her official capacity as Commissioner of Securities; DAMIEN ELEFANTE, in his official capacity as the acting director of the Department of Taxation of the State of Hawai'i; RICK BLANGIARDI, in his official capacity as Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu; MITCH ROTH, in his official capacity as Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; MICHAEL VICTORINO, in official capacity as Mayor of the County of Maui; DEREK KAWAKAMI, in his official capacity as Mayor of the County of Kaua'i; CHARLES E. SCHUMER, in his official capacity as U.S. Senate Majority Leader; NANCY PELOSI, in her official capacity as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; RON KOUCHI, in his official capacity as Senate President of the State of Hawai'i; SCOTT SAIKI, in his official capacity as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawai'i; TOMMY WATERS, in his official capacity as Chair and Presiding Officer of the County Council for the City and County of Honolulu; MAILE DAVID, in her official capacity as Chair of the Hawai'i County Council; ALICE L. LEE, in her official capacity as Chair of the Maui County

Council; ARRYL KANESHIRO, in his official capacity as Chair of the Kaua‘i County Council; the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; the STATE OF HAWAI‘I; the CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU; the COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I; the COUNTY OF MAUI; and the COUNTY OF KAUAI,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF DAVID KEANU SAI, Ph.D.

Exhibit 1

DECLARATION OF DAVID KEANU SAI, Ph.D.

I, David Keanu Sai, declare the following:

1. Declarant is a Hawaiian subject residing in Mountain View, Island of Hawai‘i, Hawaiian Kingdom. Declarant currently serves as the Minister of the Interior, Minister of Foreign Affairs *ad interim*, and Chairman of the Council of Regency. Declarant served as Agent for the Hawaiian Kingdom in *Larsen v. Hawaiian Kingdom* arbitral proceedings at the Permanent Court of Arbitration from 1999-2001.
2. On or about mid-February 2000, declarant, as Agent for the Hawaiian Kingdom, had a phone conversation with the Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), Tjaco T. van den Hout. In that conversation, the Secretary General stated to the declarant that the Secretariat was not able to find any evidence that the Hawaiian Kingdom had been extinguished as a State and acknowledged that the 1862 Hawaiian-Dutch Treaty was not terminated. The declarant understood that the Hawaiian Kingdom satisfied the PCA’s institutional jurisdiction pursuant to Article 47 of the 1907 Hague Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, I, whereby the PCA would be accessible to Non-Contracting States. The arbitral tribunal was not formed until June 9, 2000.

3. The Secretary General then stated to the declarant that in order to maintain the integrity of these proceedings, he recommended that the Hawaiian Kingdom Government provide a formal invitation to the United States to join in the arbitral proceedings. The declarant stated that he will bring this request up with the Council of Regency. After discussion, the Council of Regency accepted the Secretary General's request and declarant travelled by airplane with Ms. Ninja Parks, counsel for claimant, Lance P. Larsen, to Washington, D.C., on or about March 1, 2000.
4. On March 2, 2000, Ms. Parks and the declarant met with Sonia Lattimore, Office Assistant, L/EX, at 10:30 a.m. on the ground floor of the Department of State and presented her with two (2) binders, the first comprised of an Arbitration Log Sheet with accompanying documents on record at the Permanent Court of Arbitration. The second binder comprised of various documents of the Acting Council of Regency as well as diplomatic correspondences with treaty partners of the Hawaiian Kingdom.
5. Declarant stated to Ms. Lattimore that the purpose of our visit was to provide these documents to the Legal Department of the U.S. State Department in order for the U.S. Government to be apprised of the arbitral proceedings already in train and that the Hawaiian Kingdom, by consent of the Claimant, extends an opportunity for the United States to join in the

arbitration as a party. Ms. Lattimore assured the declarant that the package would be given to Mr. Bob McKenna for review and assignment to someone within the Legal Department. Declarant told Ms. Lattimore that he and Ms. Parks will be in Washington, D.C., until close of business on Friday, and she assured declarant that she will call on declarant's cell phone by the close of business that day with a status report.

6. At 4:45 p.m., Ms. Lattimore contacted the declarant by phone and stated that the package had been sent to John Crook, Assistant Legal Advisor for United Nations Affairs. She stated that Mr. Crook will be contacting the declarant on Friday (March 3, 2000), but declarant could give Mr. Crook a call in the morning if desired.
7. At 11:00 a.m., March 3, 2000, declarant called Mr. Crook and inquired about the receipt of the package. Mr. Crook stated that he did not have ample time to critically review the package but will get to it. Declarant stated that the reason for our visit was the offer by the Respondent Hawaiian Kingdom, by consent of the Claimant, by his attorney, for the United States Government to join in the arbitral proceedings already in motion. Declarant also advised Mr. Crook that Secretary General van den Hout of the PCA was aware of our travel to Washington, D.C., and the offer to join in the

arbitration. The Secretary General requested that the dialogue be reduced to writing and filed with the International Bureau of the PCA for the record.

8. Declarant further stated to Mr. Crook that enclosed in the binders were Hawaiian diplomatic protests lodged by declarant's former country men and women with the Department of State in the summer of 1897, that are on record at the U.S. National Archives, in order for him to understand the gravity of the situation. Declarant also stated that included in the binders were two (2) protests by the declarant as an officer of the Hawaiian Kingdom Government against the State of Hawai'i for instituting unwarranted criminal proceedings against the declarant and other Hawaiian subjects under the guise of American municipal laws within the territorial dominion of the Hawaiian Kingdom.
9. In closing, the declarant stated to Mr. Crook that after a thorough investigation into the facts presented to his office, and following zealous deliberations as to the considerations offered, the Government of the United States shall resolve to decline our offer to enter the arbitration as a Party, the present arbitral proceedings shall continue without affect pursuant to the 1907 Hague Conventions IV and V, and the UNCITRAL Rules of arbitration. Mr. Crook acknowledged what was said and the conversation then came to a close. That day a letter confirming the content of the

discussion was drafted by the declarant and sent to Mr. Crook. The letter was also carbon copied to the Secretary General of the PCA, Ms. Parks, Mr. Keoni Agard, appointing authority for the arbitral proceedings, and Ms. Noelani Kalipi, Hawai‘i Senator Daniel Akaka’s Legislative Assistant.

10. Thereafter, the PCA’s Deputy Secretary General, Phyllis Hamilton, spoke with declarant over the phone and informed declarant that the United States, through its embassy in The Hague, notified the PCA that the United States had declined the invitation to join in the arbitral proceedings. Instead, the United requested permission from the Hawaiian Kingdom Government and the Claimant to have access to the pleadings and records of the case. Both the Hawaiian Government and the Claimant consented to the United States’ request.
11. On March 21, 2000, Professor Christopher Greenwood, QC, was confirmed as an arbitrator, and on March 23, 2000, Gavan Griffith, QC, was confirmed as an arbitrator. On May 28, 2000, the arbitral tribunal was completed by the appointment of Professor James Crawford as the presiding arbitrator. On June 9, 2000, the parties jointly notified, by letter, the Deputy Secretary General of the PCA that the arbitral tribunal had been duly constituted.
12. After written pleadings were filed by the parties with the PCA, oral hearings were held at the PCA on December 7, 8 and 11, 2000. The arbitral award

was filed with the PCA on February 5, 2000 where the tribunal found that it lacked subject matter jurisdiction because it concluded that the United States was an indispensable third party. Consequently, the Claimant was precluded from alleging that the Hawaiian Kingdom, by its Council of Regency, was liable for the unlawful imposition of American municipal laws over the Claimant's person within the territorial jurisdiction of the Hawaiian Kingdom without the participation of the United States.

13. After returning from The Hague in December of 2000, the Council of Regency determined that the declarant would enter the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa as a graduate student in the political science department in order to directly address the misinformation regarding the continuity of the Hawaiian Kingdom as an independent and sovereign State that has been under a prolonged occupation by the United States since January 17, 1893 through research and publication of articles. The decision made by the Council of Regency was in accordance with Section 495—*Remedies of Injured Belligerent*, United States Army FM-27-10 states, “[i]n the event of violation of the law of war, the injured party may legally resort to remedial action of the following types: a. Publication of the facts, with a view to influencing public opinion against the offending belligerent.”

14. The declarant received his master's degree in political science specializing in international relations and law in 2004 and received his Ph.D. degree in political science with particular focus on the continuity of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Declarant has published multiple articles and books on the prolonged occupation of the Hawaiian Kingdom and its continued existence as a State under international law. Declarant's curriculum vitae can be accessed online at <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~anu/pdf/CV.pdf>. Declarant can be contacted at interior@hawaiiankingdom.org.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: Mountain View, Hawaiian Kingdom, May 19, 2021.



David Keanu Sai